GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3257
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EXCISE EXEMPTION LIMIT TO SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES .
SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR;THAAWAR CHAND GEHLOT

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have raised the excise exemption limit for small scale sector;

(b) if so, the extent to which it was raised;

(c) whether any scheme has been announced for the promotion of small scale sector recently; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to implement the measures announced to promote Small Scale Industries? A N S W E R

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a): Yes Sir.

(b): The excise exemption limit for small scale industries has been increased from Rs. 50 lakhs to Rs. 100 lakhs with effect from 1st September,2000.

(c)&(d):A Comprehensive Policy Package for the promotion of Small Scale Sector was announced on 30.8.2000 for enhancing the competitiveness of the sector. For implementation of various measures, necessary Notifications /circulars have since been issued regarding increasing the excise exemption limit, enhancement in composite loan limit, increasing investment limit for small scale service and business (industry related) enterprises, appointment of task force for restructuring the State Finance Corporations, ensuring 20% of the projected turn-over as working capital, extending the coverage of the integrated infrastructure development (IID) Scheme with 50% reservation for rural areas, credit linked, capital subsidy for upgradation and sub-allocating overall limits of large borrowers by Banks, to tackle the problem of delayed payments.